Question 238 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1984 and state whether in view of the presence of super powers and extra-regional forces in Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, Government propose to develop Jaigad, Ratnagiri, Dabhol and Dighi ports in Maharashtra for defence needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): Government is examining various sites including Jaigad, Ratnagiri, Dabhol and Dighi along the Indian Coast for possible development as small Naval bases.

Enquiry against M|s I.T.C. Limited for use of Funds for Foreign Agencies

2421. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s I.T.C. Limited is using their fund for foreign agencies and pay high prices for raw materials purchased by their principle company abroad and take less price for their exported items on paper only and the management is helping anti-national activities; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hold an enquiry in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) No such transaction has come to Government's notice. However, the concerned agencies have been alerted to be vigilant.

Grant of Loans by Bank to Farmers for Boring Pumps

2422. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loans for boring pump sets to farmers and weaker sections, including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons, in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have been stopped by the banks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the payment was made and is being made in the name of traders by the banks;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the payment that has been made is in excess of the market price; if so, what action has been taken against those traders and officers; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that some Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons have been prosecuted and sent to jails due to the delay in payment of instalments towards the cost of boring pumping set in Bihar; if so, what is the number of such victims of Darbhanga district in the State of Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The Reserve Bank of India, National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development have informed that banks are continuing to sanction loans to farmers and weaker sections including Scheduled Castes and Tribes for boring pump set in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(b) and (c) To avoid misutilisation of assistance payments for creation of assets are being made to the authorised dealers by means of drafts or cheques after obtaining authorisation from the borrowers. The approved dealers are under obligation to supply the material conforming to agreed specification according to the undertaking signed by them at the time of their approval. Banks have been advised that their officials should not involve themselves directly in the selection of equipments/products or suppliers. They should use the forum of District Consultative Committee to express their opinion about the quality and suitability of the products

They may also convey their views to the District Rural Development Agencies. The banks' officials have been asked not to compel a borrower to purchase a specific product from a particular dealer. Specific complaints of malpractices, as and when received are enquired into for taking remedial action.

(d) Banks take recourse to legal action for recovery of overdues in cases of chronic and wilful defaulters. Information regarding the number of borrowers belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in Darbhanga District, who were prosecuted and sent to jails for non-payment of instalment is however not available.

Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes persons in various Committee constituted by the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation.

2423. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Committees, Boards and Corporations constituted by his Ministry to carry out different functions;

(b) whether adequate representations have been given to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on each of such Committees, Boards and Corporations; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such persons at present associated with these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Raya Sabha.

Bank Loans to Weaker Sections or Society under DRDA Schemes

2424. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loans given to weaker sections of the society under DRDA schemes by nationalised banks during the last one year; and

(b) whether Government propose to continue the same trend till the end of the year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme, which is the main programme being implemented by the District Rural Development Agencies, for the benefit of weaker sections of society, the total term credit disbursed during 1983-84 by Commercial, Cooperative and Regional Rural Banks was Rs. 773.51 crores covering 36.85 lakh beneficiaries. Efforts are being made to ensure that the progress achieved during 1983-84 is continued during 1984-85 also.

कर की चोरी की निगरानी के लिये विशेष प्रकोष्ठ

2425. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग ऐयूबबेग :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने संसद् की लोक लेखा समिति के सुझाव के अनुसार बड़े औद्योगिक घरानों और विदेशी कम्पनियों द्वारा कर की चोरी पर निगरानी रखने के लिए अधिकारियों के एक विशेष प्रकोष्ठ का गठन किया है ; और